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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No. 09/610,558

Filing Date: July 5, 2000

For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD  
WITH TRACK WIDTH  
RESTRICTING GROOVE FORMED  
TO FULLY READ LOWER CORE  
LAYER, AND MANUFACTURING  
METHOD FOR THE SAME

Examiner: William Joseph Klimowicz

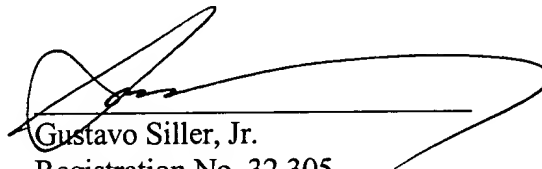
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### RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESPONSE REQUIREMENT

This election of inventions and species is in response to the Election/Response Requirement mailed on March 15, 2004. In the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicant was required to elect one of the following groups of inventions: Group I – a thin film magnetic head of claims 1-4 and Group II-a method of manufacturing a magnetic head of claims 5-9. In addition, Applicant was required to elect one of the following species of the inventions: Species I – Figures 1-2 and 4-8 and Species II – Figures 3 and 9-12.

Applicant elects, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-4 and Species I-  
Figures 1-2 and 4-8, corresponding to claims 1-4.

Respectfully submitted,



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